

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-D-20-17

Issued at: Sitka, Wednesday, June 21, 2017.

Effective 12:01 a.m. Thursday,  
Date: June 22, 2017

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Monday, July 31,  
2017 unless superseded by subsequent  
emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the saltwater area of Bear Cove to sport fishing to protect king salmon needed for broodstock at Medvejie Hatchery.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.021.(g)(3) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions become effective 12:01 a.m. Thursday June 22 through 11:59 p.m. Monday, July 31, 2017:

### **5 AAC 47.021. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.**

(g) In the Sitka vicinity:

- (3) all waters of Bear Cove East of a line from a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°00.63' N. latitude, 135°09.80' W. longitude to a point on the Baranof shoreline at 57°01.07' N. latitude, 135°09.93' W. longitude are closed to sport fishing;

Sam Cotten  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Troy Tydingco  
Sitka Area Management Biologist  
Division of Sport Fish

### JUSTIFICATION:

King salmon returning to Medvejie Hatchery are not expected to meet broodstock goals in 2017. Only 7% of the Medvejie hatchery king salmon forecast (19,100) has been realized to date. No fish are currently being held for broodstock and cost recovery has ceased. This closure is necessary to provide sufficient numbers of king salmon to meet broodstock needs.

### DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 1 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P. O. Box 110024, Douglas, AK 99824, (907) 465-4270.